

ABSTRACT

[120] Certain aspects of the invention for displaying alerts in a communication network may comprise receiving an alert from a first device coupled to the communication network. A message corresponding to the received alert may be generated within a home and displayed on a television screen within the home. The generated message may be displayed along with a media broadcast on the television screen and an acknowledgment of the displayed message may be received via a user selection. The acknowledgement may be received from a remote control that controls various functions of the television screen. Displaying of the generated message may be terminated upon receiving the acknowledgement or the generated message may be displayed for a predetermined or specified period of time. The alert, which may be received via a wireless and/or a wired connection, may indicate a status of the first and/or a second device.